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1. NOVEMBER 15 EDITION OF LE MONDE CARRIES ARTICLE BY ITS
CORRESPONDENT
PHILLIPPE LEMAITRE DATED LINE BRUSSELS UNDER CAPTION "THE NINE
DISCARD AMENDMENTS REQUESTED BY THE U.S."

2. LEMAITRE REPORTS THAT LAST WEEK THE EC-9 PERMREPS, WORKING IN
PARALLEL WITH THE EC POLITICAL COMMITTEE, EXAMINED THE ECONOMIC
ARTICLES OF EC-US DRAFT DECLARATION AND REJECTED ALMOST ENTIRELY
THE AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY THE U.S., REJECTION WAS SO COMPLETE THAT
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NEW EC TEXT SCARCELY DEVIATED FROM THAT APPROVED BY THE NINE

ON SEPTEMBER 9 AND SUBMITTED TO THE U.S.

3. ARTICLE STATES U.S. AMENDMENTS WERE CENTERED ON TWO IDEAS:

(A) DEVELOPMENT OF THE COMMUNITY AND ITS TRANSFORMATION INTO
A EUROPEAN UNION SHOULD TAKE PLACE IN THE ATLANTIC CONTEXT, AND
(B) EMPHASIS ON THE NECESSITY TO
INTENSIFY EC-US CONSULTATIONS.

4. ACCORDING TO LEMAITRE FRANCE'S EC PARTNERS FOR THE MOST PART WERE
WILLING TO ACCEPT SECRETARY KISSINGER'S MODIFICATION, CONSIDERING
THEM SO VAGUE AND SOOTHING THAT
THEY POSED NO DANGER. HOWEVER, THE FRENCH --TRADITIONAL PARTISANS OF
A EUROPEAN EUROPE DISTINCT FROM THE ATLANTIC COMMUNITY -- EXPRESSED
THEIR DISTRUST OF ANY REFERENCE TO THE NOTION OF "PARTNERSHIP".
LIKEWISE THE FRENCH INSISTED THAT THE TEXT DISCARD THE IDEA OF
INSTITUTING
ADDITIONAL MECHANISMS FOR CONSULTING WITH THE U.S., BELIEVING SUCH
REINFORCEMENT OF CONSULTATIONS WOULD GIVE THE U.S. QUASI-
PERMANENT OBSERVER'S RIGHTS ON COMMUNITY AFFAIRS.

5. THE ENGLISH POINTED OUT, ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE, THAT OBSERVER'S

RIGHTS WOULD BE RECIPROCAL WITH THE COMMUNITY GAINING EQUALLY THE
POSSIBILITY OF GIVING ITS OPINION ON THE CONDUCT OF U.S. ECONOMIC
POLICY. THE FRENCH RIPOSTED THAT THERE WAS NO POSSIBLE SYMMETRY
AS THE ECONOMIC SITUATION IN THE EVOLVING COMMUNITY WAS VERY
DIFFERENT THAN THAT IN THE U.S. TAKING AS AN EXAMPLE THE U.S. DESIRE
TO ENLARGE THE PARAGRAPH ON SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COO-
PERATION TO INCLUDE CONSULTATIONS ON INDUSTRIAL POLICY,
THE FRENCH MAINTAINED SUCH INCLUSION WOULD NOT GIVE THE SAME AD-
VANTAGES TO EUROPE AS TO THE U.S. BECAUSE EC INDUSTRIAL POLICY
IS BEING DEVELOPED WHILE THAT OF THE U.S. HAS LONG BEEN DEFINED.

6. LEMAITRE CONCLUDES ARTICLE WITH STATEMENT THAT AFTER VERY
LENGTHY DISCUSSION, "THE FRENCH VIEWPOINT, AS FAR AS IS KNOWN,
LARGELY PREVAILED."IRWIN

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